

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Resolution - Adequate Public
Facilities Ordinance

ITEM NO.

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PREPARED BY: Jean S. Murray,
Superintendent

MEETING: January 13, 2004

ACTION DATE: January 13, 2004

ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the School Board support the Board of Supervisors in their activity with the General Assembly for legislation to allow localities to enact an adequate public facilities ordinance.

KEY POINTS:

1. The Board of Supervisors continues to work in support of the legislation to grant localities the authority to enact an adequate public facilities ordinance.
2. The School Board legislative priorities includes as the second priority: "Permit enhanced revenue capacity for localities to address pressing public education costs and other local needs".
3. When presenting Board-to-Board on December 2, 2003, Mr. Fields asked if the School Board might consider approving a Resolution in support of an adequate public facilities ordinance.
4. Attached is a Resolution for School Board approval.

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL: Goal 8: Provide School Board leadership in advocating for adequate funding in support of Stafford County Public Schools.

FUNDING SOURCE:

AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE:

Stafford County Public Schools

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A Resolution to Support Legislation to Grant Localities the Authority to Enact an Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance

Whereas, in 2002 the United States Census Bureau designated Stafford as the ninth fastest growing county in the nation; and

Whereas, Stafford's population has grown by over fifty percent in each of the last two decades, and is projected to continue to grow by 5% per year for the foreseeable future; and

Whereas, the County's school age population is projected to increase from over 23,000 this year to over 33,000 by the end of the decade, thereby placing an inordinate strain upon public services, particularly school construction and maintenance; and

Whereas, Stafford uses the tools available to it to manage growth including the imposition of impact fees for road improvements; the acceptance of proffers as a part of rezonings; decreasing the maximum permitted densities in suburban and urban residential areas; and the enhancement of development performance standards so development pays for a larger share of necessary infrastructure; and

Whereas, the Board believes it is in the best interests of its citizens to have the ability to phase in new residential development as public infrastructure is made available;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Stafford County School Board, at its meeting on January 13, 2004, does hereby express its support for legislation in the 2004 General Assembly to allow localities to enact an adequate public facilities ordinance.

Chairman

Clerk